

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

New national sides of the 2-euro commemorative circulation coins issued by the euro-area Member States to celebrate 35 years of the Erasmus programme

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Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the Community providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

To celebrate 35 years of the Erasmus programme, euro-area Finance Ministers decided that euro-area Member States would strike a 2-euro commemorative coin using a common design on the national side. The public selected the winning design by web-voting. Voters had a choice of six designs, which had been pre-selected by a professional jury following a design competition among euro area Member States, and they chose the design created by Mr Joaquin Jimenez, professional designer at the Monnaie de Paris.

Issuing countries: Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland

Subject of commemoration: 35 years of the Erasmus programme

Factual description of the design: The design is a mix of two major elements of the Erasmus programme: the original intellectual inspiration, Erasmus himself, and the allegory of its influence over Europe.

The first one is symbolised by one of the most known depiction of Erasmus.

The second one is symbolised by a beam of links going across the coin from a beacon to another, representing the numerous intellectual and human exchanges between the European students.

As a reference to Europe, some of these links form other stars, born from the synergy between the countries.






The figure 35, for 35th anniversary comes out from the stars in a contemporary graphical style.

The outer ring depicts the twelve stars of the European flag.

Issuing date: 1 July 2022

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

<p>Belgium</p> 	<p>Legends: BE / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 1 million Edge lettering: 2★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted</p>
<p>Germany</p> 	<p>Legends: D / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 20 million Edge lettering: EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT and the design of the federal eagle</p>
<p>Estonia</p> 	<p>Legends: EESTI / 1987-2022 / ERASMUSE PROGRAMM / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 1 million Edge lettering: EESTI, repeated two times upright and inverted</p>
<p>Ireland</p> 	<p>Legends: éire / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 500 000 Edge lettering: 2★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted</p>
<p>Greece</p> 	<p>Legends: ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 750 000 Edge lettering: ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ ★</p>

<p>Spain</p> 	<p>Legends: ESPAÑA / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 1 million Edge lettering: 2★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted</p>
<p>France</p> 	<p>Legends: RF / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 3,5 million Edge lettering: 2★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted</p>
<p>Italy</p> 	<p>Legends: RI / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 3 million Edge lettering: 2★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted</p>
<p>Cyprus</p> 	<p>Legends: ΚΥΠΡΟΣ KIBRIS / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 412 000 Edge lettering: '2 ΕΥΡΩ 2 EURO' repeated twice</p>
<p>Latvia</p> 	<p>Legends: LATVIJA / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMMa / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 307 000 Edge lettering: 'DIEVS SVĒTĪ LATVIJU' ('GOD BLESS LATVIA')</p>

<p>Lithuania</p> 	<p>Legends: LIETUVA / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMMA / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 300 000 Edge lettering: 'LAISVĖ * VIENYBĖ * GEROVĖ ** (Liberty-Solidarity-Prosperity)</p>
<p>Luxembourg</p> 	<p>Legends: LËTZEBUERG / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 0.5 million Edge lettering: 2★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted. In accordance with the national law, the coin shows an effigy of the Grand Duke as a latent image, placed at the top</p>
<p>Malta</p> 	<p>Legends: MALTA / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 82 500 Edge lettering: 2★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted</p>
<p>The Netherlands</p> 	<p>Legends: NL / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMMA / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 570 000 Edge lettering: GOD ★ ZIJ ★ MET ★ ONS ★</p>
<p>Austria</p> 	<p>Legends: REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMM / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 1.060 million Edge lettering: 2 EURO ★★★, repeated four times, alternately upright and inverted</p>

<p>Portugal</p> 	<p>Legends: PORTUGAL / 1987-2022 / PROGRAMA ERASMUS / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 765 000 Edge lettering: Five coats of arms and seven castles equally spaced</p>
<p>Slovenia</p> 	<p>Legends: SLOVENIJA / 1987-2022 / PROGRAM ERASMUS / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 1 million Edge lettering: SLOVENIJA, followed by an engraved dot</p>
<p>Slovakia</p> 	<p>Legends: SLOVENSKO / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS PROGRAMME / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 1 million Edge lettering: SLOVENSKÁ REPUBLIKA, followed by three symbols: star – linden leaf – star</p>
<p>Finland</p> 	<p>Legends: FI / 1987-2022 / ERASMUS OHJELMA PROGRAMMET / J.J. (initials of the author Joaquin Jimenez) Estimated volume of issuance: 400 000 Edge lettering: SUOMI FINLAND *** where *-marks represent lion heads</p>